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| Attorney Docket No. | 18584-00002 |
| First Inventor | Identified as Atty. Dkt. No. 18584-00002 |
| Title | METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR LEASING EQUIPMENT |
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS
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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 57]
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- Cross References to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to Microfiche Appendix
or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 57]
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☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)
[Note Box 5 below]
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named
in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and
1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or
Computer Program(Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(If applicable, all necessary)
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10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
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| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee From Below | Fee Paid |
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| 103 | 18 | 203 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 102 | 80 | 202 | 40 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 104 | 270 | 204 | 135 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 109 | 80 | 209 | 40 | **Reissue independent claims over original patent |
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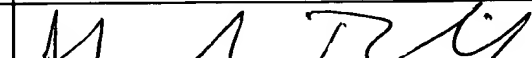
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| 139 | 130 | 139 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 147 | 2520 | 147 | 2520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
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| 119 | 310 | 219 | 155 | Notice of Appeal | |
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| 121 | 270 | 221 | 135 | Request for oral hearing | |
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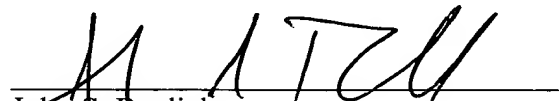
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- Thirty-two (32) pages of specification; ten (10) pages of claims; one (1) page of abstract; Appendix 1 (4 pgs); and Appendix 2 (10 pgs)
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